

defenseless, and the guardian of freedom.

I hope all who are able will drop what they are doing and make themselves available at the Capitol Rotunda. It will go until 7 p.m. today.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for not to exceed 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### THE DEATH OF MRS. ELISABETH THURMOND OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SC

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today in remembrance of Mrs. Elisabeth T. Thurmond, my sister-in-law and a valued member of the community of North Augusta, SC, who passed away Friday, November 16, 2001, at the age of 90.

Elisabeth Thurmond, who was married to my late brother Dr. J. William Thurmond, will be remembered as a caring and generous woman. She was known for volunteering much of her time to serve the people of North Augusta and she made significant contributions to her community in a host of areas. For example, she was a charter member of Fairview Presbyterian Church and served in a variety of roles within the church, including as a trustee and a Sunday school teacher. Furthermore, Mrs. Thurmond worked to help improve the educational system of North Augusta. She was very active in school PTAs and served as the chairwoman of the North Augusta Parent Teacher Association Council that helped to establish the Paul Knox Educational Endowment Fund. In addition, she was a member of countless boards and councils and often held important leadership positions such as a seat on the Board of Directors of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce. Clearly Elisabeth Thurmond lived a life full of civic accomplishment, and she was honored for her service as the 1981 North Augusta Citizen of the Year.

However, the impact of Mrs. Thurmond's good deeds were seen not only by the people of North Augusta but also across State lines. She was very active with the local chapter of the Girl Scouts of America for many years and, after serving as member of the Re-

gional Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of America, she was named a member of the national board of directors of the organization.

In conclusion, Mrs. Elisabeth Thurmond was a woman of character and integrity. She lived a life of great accomplishment and made wonderful contributions to the city and people of North Augusta. Our State is a better place because of all her hard work, and the impact she made in the lives of others will be felt long after her passing. She was a true American and a fine South Carolinian, and she will certainly be missed by a wide circle of friends.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 24, 2000 in Somerset, KY. Two women, while working as caretakers at a hospital, beat and abused a mentally retarded patient. The assailants, Valerie Hoskins and Crystal Wright, were indicted on criminal charges in connection with the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### CONGRATULATING IDAHO'S NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a very special group of educators in my home State of Idaho.

Last month, sixty-six teachers received a National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the highest professional credential in the field of teaching. With the addition of these individuals, there are now 272 National Board Certified Teachers in Idaho.

High-quality teachers are the most important assets to any educational system. In order to gain a National Board Certification, these teachers voluntarily, often at great personal expense and sacrifice, submit to a nearly yearlong performance-based assessment. They must demonstrate their mastery in several areas including:

Knowledge of subject matter; ability to effectively teach their subjects to students; and ability to manage and measure student learning. In fact, the State of Idaho recognizes teachers who gain a National Board Certification as "master teachers." I commend these educators for the dedication and sacrifice it takes to successfully complete this program. Not only do they benefit in their teaching techniques, but Idaho's school children benefit through their dedication.

Each one of these teachers has touched countless lives of students. They have been diligent in the trust that has been given to them by parents throughout Idaho. It is appropriate that we honor them today and recognize how hard they have worked to achieve this certification. Sometimes these types of recognitions are only hung on walls, and that rarely provides the public acknowledgement of the achievement. For this reason, I wanted to rise today and share with the U.S. Senate how important this achievement is to the education of young Idahoans.

I ask that the names of the sixty-six Idahoans newly named as National Board Certified Teachers be printed in the RECORD following my statement.

The names follow:

Susan Alt, Boise, ID, Independent School District of Boise City, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Carleen Baldwin, Lapwai, ID, Lapwai, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Arlene Balls, Soda Springs, ID, Soda Springs District 150, Early Adolescence/Science.

Devon Barker, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce Jt School District No. 302, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Leslie Rae Bedke, Sugar City, ID, Sugar Salem School District 322, Early Adolescence/English Language Arts.

Marta Bidondo, Boise, ID, Meridian School District No. 2, Early Adolescence/Generalist.

Leah Bug-Townsend, Idaho Falls, ID, Idaho Falls School District 91, Early Adolescence/Social Studies-History.

Khrista Buschhorn, Aberdeen, ID, Aberdeen V, Early and Middle Childhood/English as a New Language.

William Dean, Post Falls, ID, Post Falls School District 273, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Lisa Dreadfulwater, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce 302, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Julie Elliott, Tampa, ID, Nampa 131, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Anne Marie Elmore, Bellevue, ID, Blaine County, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Joanna Ferris, Inkom, ID, Marsh Valley School District No. 21, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Paula Fisher, Boise, ID, Meridian Joint School District No. 2 Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Elaine Forsnes, Rexburg, ID, Madison 321, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Mathematics.

Victoria Francis, Boise, ID, Independent School District of Boise, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Career and Technical Education.

Janet Greer, Eagle, ID, Meridian School District, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.